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December 21, 2018

The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen Secretary U.S. Department of Homeland Security 245 Murray Lane SW Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Nielsen:

We are writing to denounce the deportation of the Vietnamese people who are subject to the 2008 U.S.-Vietnam repatriation agreement.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader United States Senate 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

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The Honorable Nanette Barragán U.S. House of Representatives 1030 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Barragán:

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The Honorable Karen Bass U.S. House of Representatives 2059 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Bass:

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The Honorable Julia Brownley U.S. House of Representatives 2262 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Brownley:

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The Honorable Tony Cardenas U.S. House of Representatives 2438 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Cardenas:

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The Honorable Judy Chu U.S. House of Representatives 2423 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Chu:

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The Honorable Gil Cisneros U.S. House of Representatives 431 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative-elect Cisneros:

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein United States Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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The Honorable Jimmy Gomez
U.S. House of Representatives
1530 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Gomez:

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The Honorable Kamala Harris United States Senate 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Harris:

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The Honorable Katie Hill
U.S. House of Representatives
1108 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Ted Lieu U.S. House of Representatives 403 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Lieu:

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The Honorable Alan Lowenthal U.S. House of Representatives 108 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy U.S. House of Representatives 2468 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McCarthy:

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The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano U.S. House of Representatives 1610 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard U.S. House of Representatives 2083 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Roybal-Allard:

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The Honorable Linda Sánchez U.S. House of Representatives 2329 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Sánchez:

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Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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The Honorable Adam Schiff U.S. House of Representatives 2269 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Schiff:

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The Honorable Brad Sherman U.S. House of Representatives 2181 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Sherman:

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The Honorable Norma Torres U.S. House of Representatives 2444 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Torres:

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December 21, 2018

The Honorable Maxine Waters U.S. House of Representatives 2221 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Dear Representative Waters:

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